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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group IV, Claims 65-73, drawn to a method of transplanting ES derived neural progenitor cells in a host, a method of producing a stable graft and a method of modifying the nervous system of a host, classified in class 424, subclass 93.2, for continued prosecution.

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